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Sri V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" Sir, what is the total extent of land, whether assessed or unassessed poramboke, available for assignment in this taluk."

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is a total area of a lakh of acres, but for the present about 30,000 acres will be readily available and afterwards another batch of 20 or 30 thousand acres will also be available."

Abolition of Magistrates' Courts in Malabar.

* 345 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the principle adopted in retaining or abolishing Magistrates' Courts in the various areas consequent on the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive in Malabar;

(*b*) how many such courts were in Malabar before the separation and how many exist now;

(*c*) whether the High Court was consulted before the abolition of certain courts in certain areas; and

(*d*) whether the Sub-Magistrate's Court in Taliparamba has been abolished, and if so, why?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Generally, a Sub-Magistrate's Court under the scheme was set up wherever there was a full-time Stationary Sub-Magistrate before separation. The magisterial work done by Deputy Tahsildars and other such part-time Magistrates had necessarily to be taken over by full-time Magistrates who may be either at the same place or elsewhere.

" (*b*) There were seven full-time and twelve part-time (Deputy Tahsildar) Second-class Magistrates before the Scheme. Eleven full-time Magistrates have been appointed after the introduction of the Scheme. As regards First-class Magistrates there were three full-time and six part-time (Deputy Collector) Magistrates before the Scheme. The magisterial work done by them is now managed by five full-time First-class Magistrates (including the District Magistrate). Fort Cochin is not included in this.

" (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) Yes. For the taluk of Chirakkal only one full-time Magistrate was necessary and he had to be at Cannanore. The magisterial work done by the Deputy Tahsildar-Magistrate, Taliparamba, was taken over by him."